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Medical marijuana authorizations lead to charges against naturopath
King County-area naturopath issued authorizations to 99 of 100 patients at Hempfest 2011

OLYMPIA — Naturopathic physician Jeffery T. Moore (NATU.NT.60211604) has been charged with providing sub-standard care in authorizing medical marijuana to patients. Charges by the state Board of Naturopathy and the Department of Health say Moore's patient exams were sub-standard.

The statement of charges says Moore examined and treated 100 patients seeking medical marijuana authorization at the Seattle "Hempfest" event in 2011. The allegations include inadequate review of patient medical histories; inadequate documentation of the examinations and diagnoses; and failure to establish ongoing patient care relationships. The charges say in some cases the patients' conditions did not meet medical marijuana authorization requirements.

Moore, who has 20 days to respond to the statement of charges, granted authorizations to 99 of the 100 patients he saw at the event. Health officials say this "assembly-line" practice amounts to an "authorization mill" and doesn't meet patient care standards. Two other practitioners have had their licenses suspended for similar substandard practices at the 2011 Hempfest.

The documents can be seen online by clicking "Look up a health care provider" on the Department of Health website; copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. That's also the number to call to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

The Board of Naturopathy regulates naturopathic physicians in Washington. The board establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms, and discipline. Rules, policies, and procedures promote the delivery of quality health care to state residents.

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